

In the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for inducing the repair of damaged or diseased body wall tissues, said method comprising the step of administering to ~~the~~ a patient a graft composition comprising basement membrane of a warm-blooded vertebrate in an amount effective to induce the repair of the body wall tissue at the site of administration of the graft composition wherein the body wall tissue comprises a multilaminate, stratified structure comprising differentiated tissue types including connective tissue, skeletal muscle, adipose tissue, epidermal tissue, and the serous lining of the body wall cavity.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the body wall tissue to be repaired comprises the abdominal wall.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the graft composition is a multi-layered graft composition formed from two or more layers of liver basement membrane.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the layers of liver basement membrane have a thickness of up to about 2000 μm .

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the graft composition is formed as a multilayered homolaminate construct.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the graft composition is fluidized and is administered by injection into the patient.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the basement membrane is in a sheet form and the graft composition is administered by surgically implanting the graft composition into the patient.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the basement membrane is in the form of a gel.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the basement membrane is in powder form.